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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 10, 2007**

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Gurinder Singh was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge John A. Houston to serve 30 months in custody. Singh has also agreed to the forfeiture of a firearm, ammunition, and \$21,600 in U.S. currency, based upon his May 11, 2007 guilty plea to one count of unlawfully bringing into the United States a firearm and one count of bulk cash smuggling.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene S. Litvinoff, who is prosecuting the case, Singh entered the United States through the Calexico, California West Port of Entry on September 2, 2006. At the time of the entry, Singh knew that hidden in the trunk of his vehicle was a firearm (*i.e.*, a Smith and Wesson .45 ACP caliber semi-automatic pistol), three magazines with a total of 21 bullets, and \$21,600 in U.S. currency. Singh did not possess a license to bring the firearm or ammunition into the United States. Additionally, Singh

admitted that he intended to evade the reporting requirements with the Secretary of the Treasury for the transporting of more than \$10,000 in U.S. currency into the United States.

**DEFENDANT**

GURINDER SINGH

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

18 U.S.C. § 922(l), Unlawfully Bringing into the United States a Firearm.

Penalties: Maximum five years' imprisonment. Maximum \$250,000 fine.

31 U.S.C. § 5332, Bulk Cash Smuggling.

Penalties: Maximum ten years' imprisonment. Maximum \$500,000 fine. Forfeiture of any property, real or personal, involved in the violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5332(a), and any property traceable to such property.

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